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# PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Report from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at Oakland and Point Richmond, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Cal.*

Surgeon Blue reports:

### OAKLAND, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, July 17, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: Trapped, December 1, 1908.

*Week ended May 15, 1909.*

Dead inspected.....	25
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	2
Premises inspected.....	107
Premises reinspected.....	288
Nuisances abated.....	52
Premises cleaned.....	44
Garbage cans installed.....	3
Rats found dead.....	51
Rats trapped.....	729
Rats identified.....	828
Mus norvegicus.....	777
Mus rattus.....	2
Mus musculus.....	48
Mus alexandrinus.....	1
Gophers caught.....	2
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	762
Plague rats.....	0
Mice examined bacteriologically.....	48
Plague mice.....	0
Gophers examined bacteriologically.....	2
Plague gophers.....	0
Poisons placed.....	8,470

### POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

*Week ended May 15.*

Premises inspected.....	350
Nuisances abated.....	21
Rats found dead.....	14
Rats trapped.....	42
Mice trapped.....	1
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	41
Plague rats.....	0
Mice examined bacteriologically.....	1
Plague mice.....	0
Poisons placed.....	5,000

### ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended May 15.*

Dead inspected.....	48
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	3

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended May 15.*

Ground squirrels shot.....	72
Rabbits shot.....	1
Gophers killed.....	1
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	72
Plague squirrels.....	0
Rabbits examined bacteriologically.....	1
Plague rabbits.....	0
Gophers examined bacteriologically.....	1
Plague gophers.....	0
Ranches inspected.....	28
Ranches found free of ground squirrels.....	5
Acres covered with poison.....	65
Poisons placed.....	1, 029½

*Report from Seattle, Wash.—Plague-prevention work.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports May 17:

## SEATTLE, WASH.

Date of finding of last plague rat, September 26, 1908.

*Week ended May 15, 1909.*

Rats received.....	874
Rats necropsied.....	866
Plague rats found.....	0
Plague infected rats to date.....	21

## STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

CONNECTICUT—*Bridgeport*.—Month of April, 1909. Estimated population, 100,000. Total number of deaths, 110, including diphtheria 2, scarlet fever 3, measles 1, and 22 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 18, enteric fever 3, scarlet fever 24, measles 34, and pulmonary tuberculosis 20.

FLORIDA.—Report from the state board of health of cases of communicable disease for the week ended May 22, 1909, shows as follows: *Diphtheria*.—St. Augustine and Tampa, each 2 cases. *Malaria*.—Jacksonville, 21; Tampa, 13; Mayport, Tallahassee, and Ybor City, each 2 cases; Bartow, Crescent City, Daytona, Manatee, Omega, Panama Park, and Palmetto Beach, each 1 case. *Tuberculosis*.—Bradentown, Christina, Filogia, Jacksonville, Plant City, Santos, and Tampa, each 1 case. *Enteric fever*.—Jacksonville 3, and Tampa 2.

IOWA—*Keokuk*.—Month of April, 1909. Estimated population, 16,000. Total number of deaths, 30, including scarlet fever 1, and 3 from tuberculosis. Cases: Scarlet fever 35, diphtheria 1, and measles 21.

MAINE—*Portland*.—Six months ended March 6, 1909. Estimated population, 62,000. Total number of deaths, 451, including diphtheria 2, whooping cough 5, scarlet fever 4, enteric fever 12, and 26 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 50, enteric fever 48, and scarlet fever 77.